

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. A fire extinguisher actuating and refuse container combination device, said device being adapted for removably coupling to a fire extinguisher, said device comprising:

a container having a bottom wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said peripheral wall having an upper edge;

a mounting being attached to an outer surface of said peripheral wall for removably mounting the fire extinguisher to the container;

a valve actuating assembly being removably coupled to said extinguisher, said valve actuating assembly being adapted for actuating a valve of the fire extinguisher and directing pressurized fire extinguishing composition therein into said container when smoke is detected within said container or a temperature of greater than 50°C is detected, said valve actuating assembly including:

a cover being removably being positioned over the valve;

a loop member having an upper side, a lower side, an inner side and an outer side, said loop member having an interior channel therein extending along a length of said loop member, said inner side having a plurality of apertures therein extending into said channel, each of said apertures being angled downwardly into said container when said upper edge is positioned within said slot;

an arm assembly being attached to and extending away from said outer side of said loop member, said arm assembly being pivotally coupled to said cover, said interior channel extending through said arm assembly and being in fluid connection with an interior of said cover.

30 Claim 2 (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, wherein said lower side of said loop member has a slot therein extending along said inner side, said loop member having a shape substantially identical to said upper edge such that said upper edge may be selectively inserted into said slot, said channel being positioned between said inner 5 side and said slot.

4. (original) The device of claim 3, further including a heat sensor being mounted on said inner side of said loop member and being adapted for detecting a temperature greater than 50°C, a smoke detector being mounted on said inner side of said 10 loop member.

5. (original) The device of claim 4, further including an actuator being mounted in said cover and being adapted for selectively opening said valve, said actuator being electrically coupled to said heat sensor and said smoke detector for opening said 15 valve when said heat sensor detects a temperature greater than 50°C or said smoke detector detects smoke.

6. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, further including a heat sensor being mounted on said inner side of said loop member and being adapted for detecting a temperature greater than 50°C, a smoke detector being mounted on said inner 20 side of said loop member.

7. (original) The device of claim 6, further including an actuator being mounted in said cover and being adapted for selectively opening said valve, said actuator being electrically coupled to said heat sensor and said smoke detector for opening said 25 valve when said heat sensor detects a temperature greater than 50°C or said smoke detector detects smoke.

8. (original) A fire extinguisher actuating and refuse container combination device, said device being adapted for removably coupling to a fire extinguisher, said device comprising:

a container having a bottom wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and
5 extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said peripheral wall having an upper edge;

a mounting being attached to an outer surface of said peripheral wall for removably mounting the fire extinguisher to the container;

a valve actuating assembly being removably coupled to said extinguisher, said
10 valve actuating assembly being adapted for actuating a valve of the fire extinguisher and directing pressurized fire extinguishing composition therein into said container when smoke is detected within said container or a temperature of greater than 50°C is detected, said valve actuating assembly including;

15 a cover being removably being positioned over the valve;

a loop member having an upper side, a lower side, an inner side and an outer side, said lower side having a slot therein extending along said inner side, said loop member having a shape substantially identical to said upper edge such that said upper edge may be selectively inserted into said slot, said loop member having an interior channel therein extending along a length of said loop member and being positioned between said inner side and said slot, said inner side having a plurality of apertures therein extending into said channel, each of said apertures being angled downwardly
20 into said container when said upper edge is positioned within said slot;

25 an arm assembly being attached to and extending away from said outer side of said loop member, said arm assembly being pivotally coupled to said cover, said interior channel extending through said arm assembly and being in fluid connection with an interior of said cover;
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a heat sensor being mounted on said inner side of said loop member and
being adapted for detecting a temperature greater than 50°C;

a smoke detector being mounted on said inner side of said loop member;
and

5 an actuator being mounted in said cover and being adapted for selectively
opening said valve, said actuator being electrically coupled to said
heat sensor and said smoke detector for opening said valve when
said heat sensor detects a temperature greater than 50°C or said
smoke detector detects smoke.

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9. (new) A fire extinguisher actuating and refuse container combination
system, said system comprising:

a fire extinguisher including a canister and a valve, said valve being configured to
selectively dispense a pressurized fire extinguishing composition contents
15 contained within said canister of said fire extinguisher;

a container having a bottom wall and a peripheral wall being attached to and
extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said peripheral wall having an
upper edge;

20 a mounting being attached to an outer surface of said peripheral wall and being
configured to removably mount said fire extinguisher to said container;
and

25 a valve actuating assembly being removably coupled to said fire extinguisher, said
valve actuating assembly being configured to actuate said valve of said
fire extinguisher and direct the pressurized fire extinguishing composition
therein into said container when smoke is detected within said container or
a temperature of greater than 50°C is detected.

10. (new) The device of claim 9, wherein said valve actuating assembly
includes a cover being removably positioned over the valve, a loop member having
30 an upper side, a lower side, an inner side and an outer side, said loop member having an
interior channel therein extending along a length of said loop member, said inner side

having a plurality of apertures therin extending into said channel, each of said apertures being angled downwardly into said container when said upper edge is positioned within said slot, an arm assembly being attached to and extending away from said outer side of said loop member, said arm assembly being pivotally coupled to said cover, said interior 5 channel extending through said arm assembly and being in fluid connection with an interior of said cover.

11. (new) The device of claim 10, wherein said lower side of said loop member has a slot therein extending along said inner side, said loop member having a 10 shape substantially identical to said upper edge such that said upper edge may be selectively inserted into said slot, said channel being positioned between said inner side and said slot.

12. (new) The device of claim 11, further including a heat sensor being 15 mounted on said inner side of said loop member and being adapted for detecting a temperature greater than 50°C, a smoke detector being mounted on said inner side of said loop member.

13. (new) The device of claim 12, further including an actuator being mounted 20 in said cover and being adapted for selectively opening said valve, said actuator being electrically coupled to said heat sensor and said smoke detector for opening said valve when said heat sensor detects a temperature greater than 50°C or said smoke detector detects smoke.

25 14. (new) The device of claim 10, further including a heat sensor being mounted on said inner side of said loop member and being adapted for detecting a temperature greater than 50°C, a smoke detector being mounted on said inner side of said loop member.

30 15. (new) The device of claim 14, further including an actuator being mounted in said cover and being adapted for selectively opening said valve, said actuator being

electrically coupled to said heat sensor and said smoke detector for opening said valve when said heat sensor detects a temperature greater than 50°C or said smoke detector detects smoke.

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